4th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers

LUKE 10:2

810 Fairfax Street Stephens City, VA Sunday Worship, 9:30AM (540) 869-4019 July 6, 2025



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Please stand

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God our maker who calls us to be a new people. Blessed be God our redeemer who claims us in grace. Blessed be God our life-giving breath who fills us with love and sends us in service. We gather to praise the Father, the Son 🕂 and the Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen**.

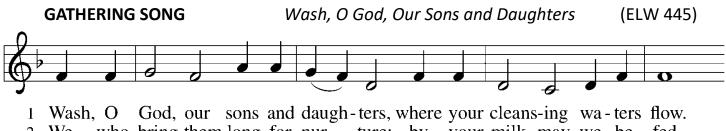
Trusting in the grace and mercy of God, let us confess the sin and brokenness in our live and in the world.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we turn from your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen. Beloved people of God, by the radical abundance of God's grace we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit.



2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed. 3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.
¹² For thus says the Lord:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.





¹ Be joyful in God, ¹ all you lands; be joyful, ¹ all the earth.

- ² Sing the glory [|] of God's name; sing the glory [|] of God's praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome ¹ are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies ¹ cringe before you.

- ⁴ All the earth bows [|] down before you, sings to you, sings [|] out your name." R
- ⁵ Come now and see the ¹ works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds [|] toward all people.

- ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa-¹ ter on foot, and there we re-¹ joiced in God.
- ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- ¹ ver the nations; let no rebels ex- ¹ alt themselves.

⁸ Bless our [|] God, you peoples;

- let the sound of | praise be heard.
- ⁹ Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip. R

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

A reading from Galatians.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—

only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142) Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even

the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

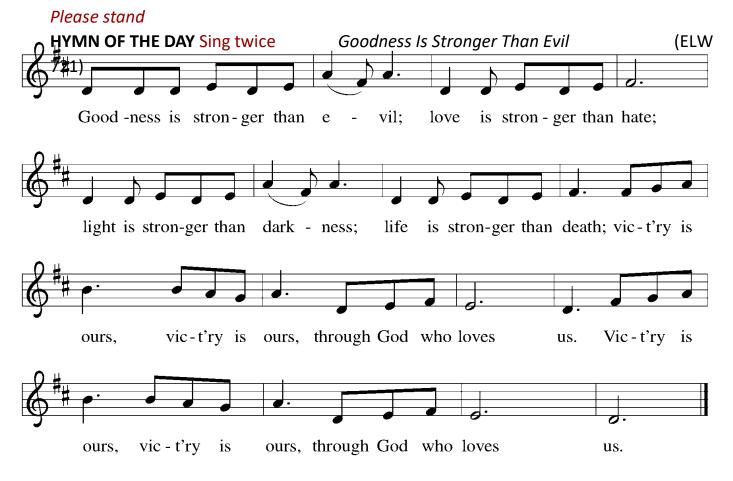
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Rev. Larry Closter



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CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray. You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of (*Jan Hus and*) all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of (*local natural beauty and*) all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Lauren, Nancy (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL

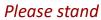
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

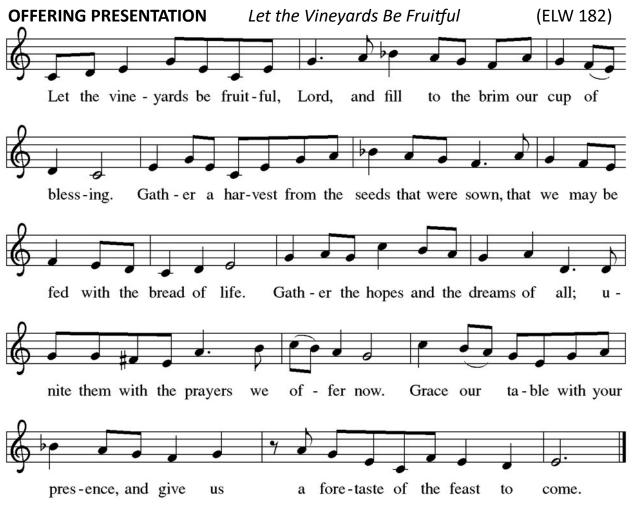
OFFERING



Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Arranged by Ann Slowins (b.1932) Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail.

We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.





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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

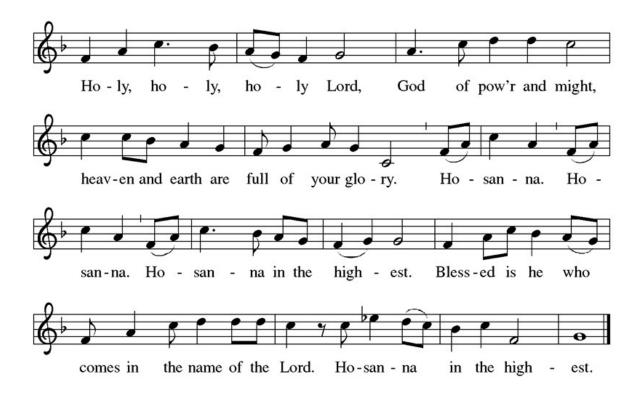
DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who through the cross cleansed us from all sin. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.** Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready

For those communing at home, have your package ready to open. The pastor will acknowledge your presence and request that you consume the elements at this time.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

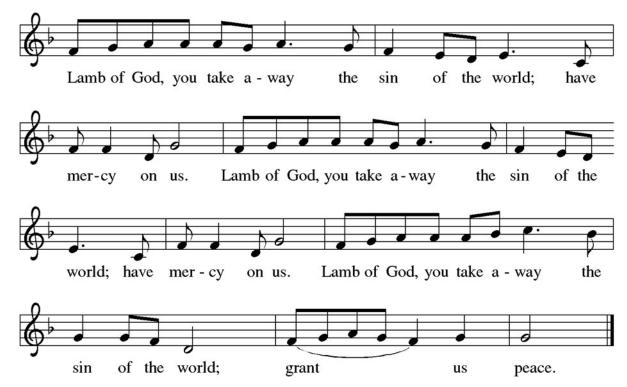
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

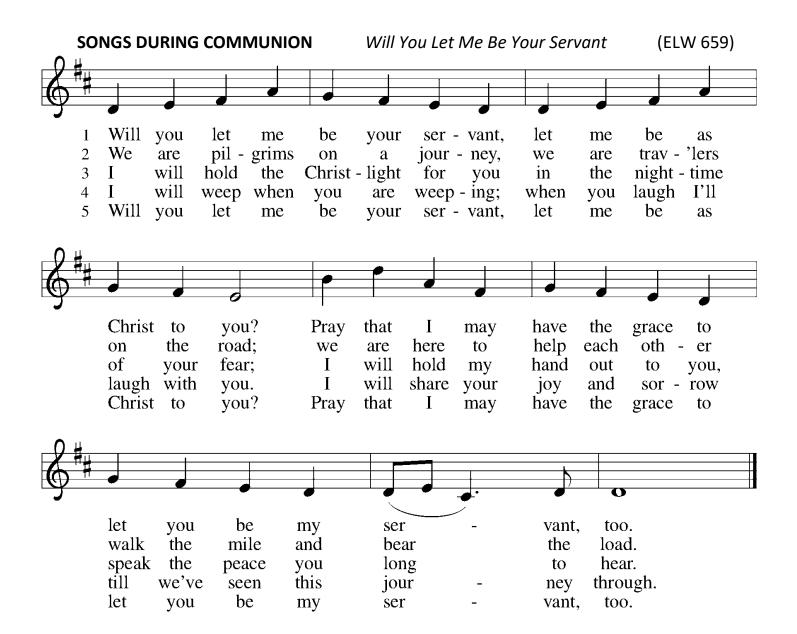
Amen.

For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.

COMMUNION SONG

⁽ELW p. 146)



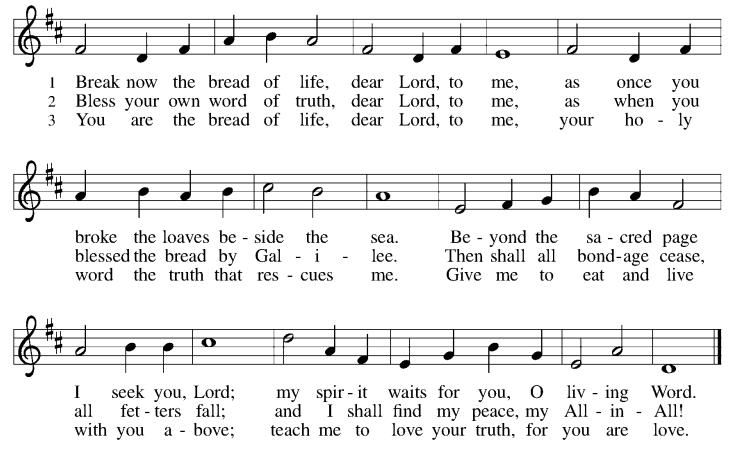


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Break Now the Bread of Life



Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt. Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen. **SENDING SONG**

We All Are One in Mission

(ELW 576)



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Belo

Beloved Christians, Now Rejoice

J.Rembt (1749-1810)

~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community NEWS

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY Here's what's happening at a glance:

- 📰 Sunday, July 6
- Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall
- 🔝 Monday, July 7
- 📰 Tuesday, July 8
- 📰 Wednesday, July 9
- 📰 Thursday, July 10
- 📰 Friday, July 11
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Upstairs class room
- 📰 Saturday, July 12
- CMSP Music Together (Summer Session Week 1) | Upstairs Classroom

<u>👑 BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK</u>

Happy Birthday to:

🗩 ~No Birthdays this week~

(Did we miss your birthday? Contact the church office to update your info!)

Ongoing Announcements

🔹 🙏 Prayer Team Table

Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request or contact **Mistie McPadalin** to add a name to the Prayers of Intercession.

Hospital Visitation

Pastor Closter is registered with Valley Health for hospital visits. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospital cannot notify us when someone is admitted.

To request a visit, contact the church office at **540-869-4019**, or after hours, call Pastor Closter at **540-848-5325**. You may also reach out to **Mistie McPadalin** or **Martha Cooley**.

• 🛛 😂 Summer Break Alert! 👙

Our beloved LCW (Lutheran Church Women) and Sewing for the Savior ministry teams are taking a well-deserved summer pause from their regular meetings. We're excited to reconnect and gather again starting September 9th. Until then, soak up the sunshine, enjoy every moment, and have a wonderful summer!

In September the LCW will hit the ground running, with their annual yard sale!

• 🕼 Thursday Choir Rehearsals Are on Summer Break! 🧅

The choir wrapped up their regular Thursday rehearsals on June 5th and will now enjoy a well-deserved break.

But the music doesn't stop! There will be mini rehearsals at 8:30 AM each Sunday morning.

Interested in singing with the choir this summer?

This is the perfect opportunity to join in—no midweek commitment required. Just come on Sunday mornings and help us make a joyful noise together! We'd love to have your voice join ours. 🔮 🎜

- Chime Choir Sundays after service | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director – music@trinitychurchvirginia.org
- Food Pantry Item of the Month: Pasta (Spaghetti) | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton – <u>kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com</u>

Thank You

Thank You for Supporting the Blood Drive!

We want to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who helped make our recent Blood Drive a success—whether you donated blood, volunteered your time, prayed over the event, or simply spread the word.

Because of your generosity and support, lives will be touched and saved. Your compassion truly reflects the love of Christ in action.

We are grateful to be part of such a caring and servant-hearted church family. With appreciation,

Your Social Outreach Ministry Team

Save the Date

July 13 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM - Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall July 17 – Happy Birthday Bernetta Jenkins! July 18 – Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall – CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Upstairs class room July 19 – CMSP Music Together (Summer Session – Week 2) | Upstairs Classroom July 20 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM - Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall July 25 – Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall Happy Birthday Roger Wickboldt! - CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Upstairs class room July 26 – CMSP Music Together (Summer Session – Week 3) | Upstairs Classroom July 27 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM - Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall July 30 – Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Assorted salads, Desert) – Together in Prayer @ 7:00 PM | Sanctuary – Happy Birthday Cooper Greene!

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540-869-4019 | 🕒 Tuesday–Friday, 8 AM–1 PM